



# ACT OF PRIVY COUNCIL,

For calling out the Heretors, &c. Edinburgh, December 24. 1688.



THE LORDS of His *Majesties* Privy Council, Considering the great Fears and Jealousies of the Kingdom, from the Apprehensions His *Majesties* Leidges generally have, of the Papists being in Arms in *Galloway* and other places, and the Suspicions there may be of the *Irishes*, and other Papists from *England* and *Ireland*, in this dangerous Conjunction, their joyning with them, to the manifest hazard of the Protestant Religion, and the endangering the peace and quiet of this his *Majesties* Ancient Kingdom; Have therefore thought fit, that all His *Majesties* Protestant Subjects may put themselves in their best Posture of Defence, for security of the Protestant Religion, and securing their own Lives, Liberties, and Properties. In pursuance of which, The saids Lords do hereby Require and Command the whole Heretors within this Kingdom (Armed, and Provided, according to their Conditions, and Qualities) to Repair to the Head-Burghs of their respective Shires, and Stuartries, or such Convenient Places, as the respective Commanders after-mentioned shall appoint, and there to be Rendezvouzed, under the Command of the Persons following, viz. The Shire of *Nithisdale*, and Stuartry of *Annandale*, under the Command of the Duke of *Queensberry*, or such as he shall appoint; the Shire of *Air*, comprehending all its Jurisdictions, under the Earl of *Cassilis*; the upper Waird of *Cliddisdale*, under the Marquis of *Douglas*, or such as he shall appoint; the neither Waird, under the Duke of *Hamilton*, and in his absence, the Lord *Carmichael*; the Shire of *Galloway* under the Laird of *Logan*; the Stuartry of *Kirkcudbright*, under the Viscount of *Kenmuir*; the Shire of *Renfrew*, under the Command of Sir *Archbald Stuart* of *Black-hall* Barronet; the Shire of *Dumbarton*, under the Command of the Laird of *Ardincaple*; the Shire of *Tiveotdale*, under the Earl of *Louthian*; the Shire of *Berwick*, under Sir *Archibald Cockburn* of *Langton* Barronet; the Shires of *Forrest* and *Peebles*, under the Laird of *Drummelzier*; the Shire of *East Lothian*, under the Command of *Charles* Master of *Tester*; the Shire of *Edinburgh*, under the Earl of *Kaunderdale*; the Shire of *Linlithgow*, under the Earl of *Linlithgow*, Lord Justice General; the Shires of *Stirling* and *Clackmannan*, under the Earl of *Mar*; The Shire of *Kinross* and Western Division of *Fife*, under *John Bruce* Fiar of *Kinross*; The Eastern Division of *Fife*, under Sir *Charles Halket* of *Pittfirren*; The two Divisions of the Shire of *Perth*, under such Commanders, as they shall think fit to choise; The Shire of *Forfar*, under the Earl of *Southesk*; The Shire of *Kincardin*, under the Lord *Keith*; *Marishalls* part of *Aberdeen*, under the Earl of *Armar*, and in his absence the Lord *Inverury*; The rest of *Aberdeen* Shire, under the Master of *Forbes*, or such as he shall appoint; the Shire of *Banff* under the Earl of *Finlater*; all betwixt *Spey* and *Ness*, under the Lord *Duffus*; The Shire of *Ross*, under Sir *Rory McKenzie* of *Findon*; The Shire of *Sutherland*, under the Lord *Strathnaver*, and in his absence, by Sir *Robert Gordon* of *Gordonstoun*; The Shire of *Caithnes*, under the Lord *Glenurchy*; The Shire of *Bute* under the Sheriff of *Bute*. And Authorizes and Requires the saids Heretors so Met and Rendezvouzed, to Act and Do every thing lawful and necessary for the Security of the Protestant Religion, and Peace and Quiet of the Kingdom; with Power to the saids Commanders above-mentioned, to keep together, or dismiss them, as they shall see cause, unless they have particular Orders from the Council to the contrair. As likewise hereby Authorizes and Impowers the Magistrats of the whole Royal Burrows within this Kingdom, to Rendezvouz the whole Fencible Persons, Inhabitants within the same, for the great and laudable ends above-mentioned. Likeas the saids Lords do hereby Advertise and Require the whole Militia of Foot in this Kingdom, to be in readines to be Rendezvouzed, when-ever His *Majesties* Privy Council shall have occasion for their Service; and that at the respective places of their Rendezvouz, and under their respective Commanders; And Ordains the Heretors above-mentioned, to be Rendezvouzed at the places of Rendezvouz, within their respective Shires, at the Dyets following, viz. All the Shires be-south the River of *Tay* upon *Tuesday* the first day of *January* next: The Shires betwixt the River of *Tay* and *Spey*, upon *Tuesday* thereafter, the eighth day of the said Moneth; And the whole other Shires be-north *Spey*, upon *Tuesday* the fifteenth day of the said Moneth of *January*. And grants Personal Protection to all who may be herein concerned, from all Execution of the Law, for Personal Debts, and that for the space of one Moneth after the respective days appointed for their Rendezvouz, in manner above-mentioned. But prejudice always of Quartering, or other Legal Diligence to be done for the In-bringing of the Excise, Supply, and other Publick Burdens. And Ordains the Sheriffs of the Sheriffdoms, Baillies of Regalities, and Bailliaries, and Stewarts of Stewartries, and their Deputs, to cause make Intimation hereof in the usual way and manner accustomed; And these presents to be Published at the Mercat-Crosses of the Head Burghs of the whole Shires, and Stewartries above-mentioned, that none pretend ignorance. Extracted forth of the Records of His *Majesties* Privy Council, By me,

WILL. PATERSON.

Clk. Sec. Consilii.

GOD Save the KING